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- Until approximately January 1949 the Soviet code names for the various USIA branches, published in the designations of the GUSIMZ Departments in Moscow, were [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. According to source, the new system was not fully crystallized, but the Soviets are continuing the stock company designations in anticipation of eventual establishment of the new system.
- With the exception of Voith and Siemens-Schuckert, the large USIA plants are dismissing between two and four percent of their employees per week on orders from USIA Director MALAVIN. Instructions have been issued for the initiation of cost-cutting "rationalization of production methods". USIA authorities have ordered a change in the wage scale for piece work (Akkordloehne) and, according to source, Socialist Trade Union leaders in USIA plants have acknowledged that previous piece quotas were too low in comparison with wage rates.
- According to STEINER, Chairman of the Workers Council of USIA, USIA and all departments and plants under its control employed approximately 26,000 laborers and office workers as of the middle of March 1949. Of these, approximately 800 were Communists, but STEINER complained that only half of these could be considered active Party members. KPOe meetings and social functions sponsored by USIA showed a fifty percent decrease in attendance over comparable meetings in 1948.

4. SHEVCHENKO, Bureau, OPEIKIN, commerce. Dr. HUTSCHENECKER and Hans ALBIN, commercial director, are responsible to SHEGELEV.***
5. RUBLIOV, general director of the Heavy Industry Department of the USIA Machine Construction Administration, has been ordered to return to the Soviet Union.
6. During the month of April, it was observed that the following new Soviet personnel had been assigned to USIA departments. The functions of each are not yet known.

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Electrical Department, A/O Kabel

OSACHOV
KASANOV
ARSHINOV

Heavy Industry, A/O Podbinnikk

BOGDONAROV
CHUDOV
MAJOROV
TUKACHENKO

Metallurgical Department, A/O Marten

MAJOROV
VORONIN
MAJENKO
YAKUBENIK

Light Industry Department, A/O Aptovelo

Chief Accountant - BUNIN
SIROV
TOPOROV
FIRSAYEV
PETROV

Central USIA Administration

SAMSONOV
SMIROV
KUPIKIN

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7. The Economic Research Department of USIA, headed by Engineer VORONIN, has been dissolved, and the function of drawing up comparative prices and market condition statistics has been transferred to the Central Commercial Bureau. VORONIN has been given a new assignment with offices in Room 41 of the Trattnerhof, and Austrian personnel of the Economic Research Department have been transferred to the Central Commercial Bureau. The offices of the Economic Research Department, Vienna IV, Brucknerstrasse 2, are being turned over to the Sales and Purchases Offices of the Machine Construction Department, A/O Aptovelo. This department is being enlarged, and an Austrian director is to be appointed during the latter part of April.
8. PISAREV has replaced LEVKOVICH as commercial director of the Chemical Industry Department's Sales and Purchasing Office on Wohllebengasse. According to source, PISAREV advised several of his Austrian subordinates to look for other positions, since USIA would probably be dissolved in the near future.
9. Tegetex, a new USIA firm, has been established to handle the sale of textiles. Tegetex has some connection with the sales department of the Alt-Erlaaer Faerberei und Appretur A.G. and uses the shipping firm, Moebeltransport-und Moebellagererei Hausner & Co., Vienna I, Mahlerstrasse 7, to import textiles and fibers from Italy. A percentage of these imports is resold to firms in the Eastern Zone of Germany.***

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25X1A6a * [REDACTED] Comment: The use of these code names has been noted and confirmed by other sources, and it has been observed in recent months that individual USIA and SMV firms have been given more latitude in matters pertaining to procurement, sales, personnel, and finances.

25X1A6a ** [REDACTED] Comment: Source has not enlarged upon this statement and dismissals of USIA employees on such a broad scope have not yet been confirmed by other

[REDACTED] ALBIN was scheduled to resign from the Central Commercial Bureau on 1 April to take over the position of general director of Communist-controlled Intrac

[REDACTED] reported by the same source purpose of coordinating the buting firms.

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